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SUBJ: MEETING OF LIKE-MINDED GOVERNMENTS, STOCKHOLM,
JANUARY 31, 1978

1. SUMMARY: A VARIABLE GROUPING OF DCS WHICH SHARE A MORE
OR LESS COMMON APPROACH TO THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE AND THE
ACTIVITIES OF THE MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE AGENCIES CALLED THE
"LIKE-MINDED GROUP" MET IN STOCKHOLM ON JANUARY 31 FOR A BRIEF
CONFERENCE. NO DECISIONS WERE TAKEN. GENERALLY THIS GROUP
IS MORE ACCOMMODATING TO THE LDC POSITION AND WANTS TO PUSH
THE US, AND OTHERS, IN ITS DIRECTION. THE NEXT MEETING MAY
BE HELSINKI, LATE SUMMER. END SUMMARY.

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2. THE LIKE-MINDED GOVERNMENTS WHICH SENT REPRESENTATIVES TO
A MEETING IN STOCKHOLM ON JANUARY 31 ARE MORE OR LESS OF SIMILAR
VIEWS CONCERNING AID TO THE DEVELOPING WORLD. THE NORDICS,
EXCEPT ICELAND, BELGIANS, DUTCH, CANADIANS, IRISH, AUSTRIANS
AND BRITISH WERE PRESENT. THE MEETING WAS CALLED ON SHORT
NOTICE, AND THE GOS WAS SURPRISED TO HAVE THE UK AGAINST SHOW

AN INTEREST AS THEY HAD APPARENTLY DROPPED OUT, ACCORDING TO DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE MINISTRY OFFICIAL. THE MEETING LASTED FOUR HOURS AND DEALT WITH: 1) HUMAN RIGHTS; 2) INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION; 3) INTERNATIONAL "NEGOTIATING SITUATION" PARTICULARLY THE COMMON FUND; 4) DEBT; 5) NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE IN THE UN; 6) FUTURE ROLE OF WORLD BANK. AMONG THE PARTICIPANTS WERE DANISH MINISTER OSTERGARD, MINISTER ANDREWS FROM ICELAND, UNDERSECRETARY STOLTENBERG OF NORWAY, MICHAEL DUPUY OF CANADA. OLA ULLSTEN, SWEDISH MINISTER FOR DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE CHAIRED. THE NEXT MEETING MAY BE HELD IN HELSINKI IN AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER.

3. HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT TO INCORPORATE HUMAN RIGHTS JUDGEMENTS IN DEVELOPMENT AID, BUT ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS. "GENERALLY, SERIOUS AND REPEATED VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS MUST HAVE OCCURRED BEFORE A MULTILATERAL AID ORGANIZATION PROJECT WOULD BE DISAPPROVED."

4. DEBT: SWEDEN TOOK THE LEAD URGING THAT OTHER FOLLOW ITS LEAD IN WRITING OFF OFFICIAL DEBT OF THE POOREST. THE TDB MEETING IN MARCH WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PURSUE THIS GUIDELINE. WHILE ONLY A FEW WILL GO AS FAR AS SWEDEN HAD, OTHERS, ENCOURAGINGLY TO THE SWEDES, ARE MOVING IN THE SAME DIRECTION THINKING OF "RETROACTIVE ADJUSTMENTS" OF ONE KIND OR ANOTHER. THE NETHERLANDS CIRCULATED A PAPER WITH IDEAS ON DEBT WHICH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAD BEEN PRESENTED TO DAC ONLY ORALLY. SOME HOPE WAS PLACED ON THE EC-US GUIDELINES WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN REINTRODUCED YET INTO UNCTAD.

5. COMMON FUND: THE MAIN QUESTION WAS HOW TO REACTIVATE THE NEGOTIATIONS. THE UNCTAD SECRETARY GENERAL HAS A CERTAIN RESPONSIBILITY TO BRING THE PARTIES TO THE TABLE. IT WAS THOUGHT THAT THE DCS' POSITION SHOULD BE DEVELOPED TO PAVE THE WAY FOR A SOLUTION ALONG LINES OF THE CF PRESIDENT'S PRESENTATION LAST NOVEMBER. THE DCS WOULD AGREE TO THE FUND'S RESPONSIBILITIES OVER AND ABOVE FINANCING BUFFER STOCKS AND RECEIVING GRANTS, WHILE THE LDCS WOULD AGREE TO RECEIVING MOST OF THE FUNDS FROM COMMODITY AGREEMENTS.

6. NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE IN THE UN: IMPORTANCE WAS ATTACHED TO THE OVERVIEW MECHANISM. HIGH LEVEL PARTICIPATION WAS URGED. MANY PROBLEMS AS TO PROCEDURES, ETC., REMAINED.

7. THE WORLD BANK: THE DUTCH WANTED TO DOUBLE CAPITAL TO \$40 BILLIONS WITH TEN PERCENT PAID IN. CONDITIONS SHOULD BE LIBERALIZED FOR THE LDCS. SWEDEN, INTER ALIA, HAS NOT YET DECIDED ON ITS POSITION, BUT WISHES TO SEE OTHER ISSUES DECIDED

IN CONJUNCTION WITH A CAPITAL INCREASE -- VOTING RULES,
"GRADUATION", STATUTORY LIMITS, DECENTRALIZATION AND APPROACHES
TO BASIC NEEDS LENDING.

8. ADDRESSEES WILL RECEIVE BY POUCH AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION
OF THE SUMMARY RECORD SENT BY THE MFA TO ITS MISSIONS.
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